Additional Vendor Information July 21, 2006

In response to three additional questions, below is further clarification:

- 1. We are not operating with a backlog of transcript requests. We do not anticipate we will have a backlog of transcript requests when we sign a contract with a vendor. We expect the successful bidder to begin accepting transcript requests that are made after a contract is signed. We recognize that the volume of work under consideration may require that we work with the successful vendor to phase in our transcript work over a period of time.
- 2. We will open all bids on July 31. NHRSA 21-I: 22 does not apply to the Judicial Branch but we will use it as a guide; we will not expose bids to public scrutiny until after a contract has been awarded. You will find a link to New Hampshire statutes on our web site.
- 3. Only four New Hampshire courthouses are equipped with high speed Internet access. As we deploy our new case management system, we are outfitting courthouses with high speed Internet access. This process is presently scheduled to occur over the next 2-3 years; we are considering ways to accelerate the process.

In the meantime, we will work with the successful vendor to transmit digital audio recordings electronically, **only from courthouses equipped with high speed**Internet access, to the vendor and to receive the transcripts back electronically, except for the Supreme Court's stated need for a hard copy. Other courts will send and receive digital recordings and analog tapes by mail or some other delivery system.

In this vein, it is important to note that 75 of New Hampshire's 131 courtrooms are still equipped with analog recording devices (Sony dual deck tape recorders.) We have digital audio recording equipment and FTR Gold software installed in 56 courtrooms. During this fiscal year we expect to install digital audio recording equipment in an additional 21 courtrooms.

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